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LETTER DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance, provocation and the dropping of heat flares continued over the period 10 to 20 January 1994.

10 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Qurnah, Lasaq, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Salman.

11 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Amarah, Basra, Qurnah, Salman and Busayyah.

At 1200 hours on 11 January 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace to the south of Artawi flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It left at 1435 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

12 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

13 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Sinjar.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Suq al-Shuyukh, Salman and Ushbayjah.

At 1155 hours on 13 January 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres. It overflew Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and the area to the south of Najaf. It left at 1420 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

14 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Dukan, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 1008 hours on 14 January 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation dropped two heat flares 10 kilometres south of Alqosh in the Ninawa Governorate.

15 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 5 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Samawah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah and Artawi.

16 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Amarah, Salman and Shatrah.

At 1355 hours on 16 January 1994, a hostile formation dropped a heat flare 8 kilometres south of Alqosh township in the Ninawa Governorate.

At 1400 hours, a second hostile formation dropped a heat flare 10 kilometres south of the Alqosh area in the Ninawa Governorate.

17 January 1994

(a) Northern region: No aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 17 January 1994.

(b) Southern region: No aerial activity was reported in the southern region on 17 January 1994.

18 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

19 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 74 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

20 January 1994

(a) Northern region: 44 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Dukan and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Amarah, Jalibah, Artawi, the area to the south of Diwaniyah and Busayyah.

At 1005 hours on 20 January 1994, a hostile formation dropped four heat flares in the area between Mosul and Kuwayr township in the Ninawa Governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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